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PERFORMANCE OF 31 LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED ACADEMIC HONORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES GIVES FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT JUNIOR COLLEGES CAN PROVIDE GOOD PREPARATION FOR UPPER-DIVISION UNIVERSITY WORK. ALTHOUGH THREE QUARTERS OF THESE STUDENTS WERE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE UNIVERSITY ON COMPLETION OF HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE CITY COLLEGE HAD ENABLED THEM TO CORRECT THEIR DEFICIENCIES. THERE WERE NO STRIKING SIMILARITIES IN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STUDENTS, E.G., 20 WERE MALE, FIVE WERE OF FOREIGN BACKGROUND, THEIR AGES RANGED FROM 20 TO 54 (MEDIAN AGE, 24, HALF WERE FROM LOS ANGELES CITY HIGH SCHOOLS, THEY REPRESENTED 16 DIFFERENT MAJORS (SIX IN ENGINEERING, FIVE IN ART), THEY HAD A 3.29 GRADE POINT AVERAGE, THEY AVERAGED 65 UNITS AT LACC, AND 12 RECEIVED THE AA DEGREE. OF THE 18 FOR WHOM SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ABILITY TEST SCORES WERE AVAILABLE, NINE SCORED BELOW THE MEDIAN FOR COLLEGE FRESHMEN IN EITHER VERBAL OR QUANTITATIVE ABILITIES. ONLY TWO STUDENTS SCORED IN THE TOP DECILE IN BOTH ABILITIES, WHILE FIVE HAD COMBINED VERBAL AND QUANTITATIVE SCORES IN THE TOP DECILE. OF TWO STUDENTS WHO FELL BELOW A C AVERAGE IN THEIR FIRST SEMESTER AT THE UNIVERISITY, ONE WAS DISMISSED. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REINSTATED AND REACHED THE DEAN'S HONOR LIST THREE YEARS LATER. (HH)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

In September 1967, the UCLA Office of Relations with Schools sent to LACC a list of 31 former LACC students who had received academic honors at UCLA. These honors included election into honor societies such as Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi, honors at graduation, awards of fellowship and scholarships, and inclusions on Dean's Honor Lists. Seven of the students won two or more honors.

The purpose of this study is to investigate some of the characteristics of these students, particularly in reference to their performance while at LACC.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

Admissions Office and Counseling records were searched to obtain pertinent information. Also, first semester grade reports previously sent by the UCLA Office of Relations with Schools furnished information as to high school eligibility determination. The Appendix to this report details the available information for each student.

FINDINGS

LACC permanent record cards were found for all 31 students. UCLA first semester grade reports were not available for five students. SCAT scores were found for 18 of the 31. The following observations are based on information (detailed in the appendix) obtained from these sources.

FINDINGS (continued)

Twenty (65%) of the thirty-one students were male. Five were of foreign background. Ages (as of 1966) ranged from twenty to fifty-four with a median age of 24. Half of the students were products of a Los Angeles city high school. Sixteen different majors were indicated for the students with six in Engineering and five in Art heading the list. Grade point averages earned at LACC and in the first semester at UCLA were both figured to be 3.29. Average number of units attempted at LACC was 65, with 12 students completing requirements for the AA degree.

Half of the students for whom SCAT college aptitude tests were available scored below the median for college freshmen in either verbal or quantitative abilities. Only two students scored in the top decile in both verbal and quantitative abilities, while the combined verbal and quantitative scores for five students were in the top decile.

Two students found themselves in academic difficulty their first semester at UCLA, failing below a C average. One student was in fact dismissed, only to be reinstated and placed on the Dean's Honor List three years later.

Possibly the most significant statistic to be observed is that, of the twenty-six students for whom information was available, twenty-one (81%) were ineligible to attend the University directly from high school.

CONCLUSIONS

This report of 31 students obtaining academic honors at UCLA adds more evidence to the already well established truth that junior colleges provide high level preparation for upper division University work. The fact that three fourths of the students were not eligible to enter UCLA directly from high school but were, after a tenure at LACC, later able to earn high academic honors at the University is a tribute to the LACC faculty and staff.

APPENDIX

FORMER LACC STUDENTS RECEIVING HONORS AT UCLA, SEPTEMBER, 1967

1. AGUILAR, John Lewis
2. ARGUELLO, Patrick J.
3. BERNSTEIN, Charles M.
4. BLANDER, David A.
5. BOISCLAIRE, Lawrence
6. BRUER, Frederick Lee
7. CINCURA, Andrew
8. COOK, (Riseman), Myrna J.
9. DAVIS, Richard S.
10. GENECIN, (Babitz), Thelma
11. HAREL, Abraham I.
12. KLINER, Alex
13. MALKOFF, Susan Freyda
14. MARGOLIS, Faye R.
15. MARKEN, Richard S.
16. MULLNER, Ida E.
17. NARIKAWA, Isao Pat
18. PILIAVIN, Michael A.
19. PREZANT, Claire M.
20. ROBAIRE, Simone
21. ROBBINS, Merritt W.
22. SADAMOTO, Margaret T.
23. SHORT, Robert Price
24. SNELLEN, Michael
25. SOMA, Zvi
26. SWANKE, Wayne Earl
27. TOBISMAN, Stuart P.
28. TOMIOKA, Audrey S.
29. UMNO, Yoko
30. WILLIAMS,(Kirtley),Phyllis M.
31. YOKOTA, Fusao

Name Code	Sex	* UCLA Honor	High School Record			LACC Record				UCLA Record					SCAT **				
			High School	Date Grad.	El. for U C	Sem Entr'd	Uts. Att.	GPA	AA Degr.	Sem Ent.	1st Sem U A	1st Sem. GPA	Major	V	Q	T	Age	REMARKS
1	M	P	L.A.	1953	No	F'53	80	3.68	1/65	S'65	13	4.00	Soc.	-	-	-	32	8 Sem. & 3 SS at L.A.C.C.
2	M	DL	Belmont	1961	Yes	F'62	64.5	2.90	6/64	F'64	13	3.15	Latin Amer. Studies	31 45	33 50	64 45	23	
3	M	WW	Fairfax	1961	No	F'61	69	3.58	6/63	F'64	13	3.08	Musicology	-	-	-		
4	M	DF	Covina,Cal.	1964	N.A.	S'65	44.5	3.56	No	F'66	N.A	N.A.	N.A.	49 91	47 93	96 96	20	
5	M	T,Mcl,E	Franklin	1960	Yes	S'60	69.5	3.29	No	S'65	15	3.40	Eng'r.	- 75	- 8	- 31	24	
6	M	DL	St.Paul,Min.	1959	No	F'63	69	3.57	No	S'66	12	3.00	Anthro.	41	15	56	24	
7	M	DL	Slovakia	1937	No	SS'63	38	4.00	1/65	F'65	9	3.00	Slav.Lang.	-	-	-	49	
8	F	DL	Fairfax	1957	No	S'58	53.5	2.42	No	F'63	9	1.78	English	- 91	- 30	- 30	27	Dismissed 1st Sem. UCLA
9	M	DF	Lutheran LA	1962	No	F'62	88.5	2.62	1/65	S'66	14	2.50	Art	49	27	22	22	
10	F	DF (2)	Hollywood	1932	No	F'32	83	3.04	No	S'65	13	3.23	Th. Arts	-	-	-	52	Att. LACC 1932-3, 1958-9, 1963-65
11	M	CL.E	Israel	1958	Yes	F'63	51	3.61	No	S'65	15	3.40	Eng'r.	31 45	38 66	69 55	24	
12	M	DF (2)	Penna.	1949	No	F'62	64	3.47	No	F'64	8	4.00	Th. Arts	- 82	- 85	- 89	34	
13	F	DF	Fairfax	1963	No	F'63	68	3.11	No	F'65	15	1.80	Art	44	44	88	21	Probation at UCLA
14	F	DF	Fairfax	1961	No	S'61	64	3.22	No	S'63	12	2.75	Art	- 89	- 63	- 85	23	
15	M	DL	Fairfax	1963	N.A.	F'63	32	3.25	No	F'65	N.A.	N.A.	Psychology	48	37	85	20	
16	F	P	LA Adult S.	1961	No	F'61	111	3.66	6/65	F'65	12	3.75	German	-	-	-	39	Foreign student
17	M	T	Dorsey	1962	No	F'62	106	3.16	1/65	S'65	18	3.33	Eng'r.	- 86	- 85	- 91	22	
18	M	T	Hamilton	1961	No	F'61	74.5	3.32	6/64	F'64	15	3.40	Eng'r.	46	44	90	24	
19	F	DF	N.A.	N.A.		SS'63 & '64 only	6	3.50	No	F'64	NA	NA	Art	- 27	- 82	- 53	22	
20	F	P	Covina,Cal.	1961	No	F'61	71	2.54	No	S'65	8	4.00	French	25	43	58	23	Foreign Student
21	M	P,DL	L.A.	1963	No	F'63	69	3.71	6/65	F'65	12	3.75	Poll.Sci.	50 92	41 76	91 92	21	

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			High School	Date Grad.	El. for U C	Sem. Entrd	Uts. Att.	GPA	AA Deg.	Sem. Ent.	1st Sem. U A	1st Sem GPA	Major	V	Q	T		
22	F	DL	Roosevelt	1963	Yes	F'63	76.5	3.59	1/66	S'66	12	3.00	History	40 72	43 82	83 82	20	
23	M	DF (2)	Minn.	1932	No	S'64	65	3.31	No	S'66	16	3.62	Th. Arts	56 98	24 21	80 78	54	
24	M	DL	Bell, Calif.	1962	NA	SS'65	38.5	3.44	6/66	F'66	NA	NA	Poli.Sci.	51 93	47 93	98 97	21	Transfer from Cerritos
25	M	WE	Israel	1962	No	F'63	56	3.16	No	F'65	16	3.81	Eng'r.	30 42	35 57	65 47	26	
26	M	WW	No. Dakota	1961	No	F'61	64	3.73	No	F'64	15	3.40	History	41 75	32 47	73 64	23	
27	M	P	Detroit, Mich	1960	No	F'60	62.5	3.33	No	F'64	15	3.80	Economics	42 77	47 93	89 90	24	
28	F	DN	Hawaii	1960	NA	F'61	71	2.90	6/63	F'64	NA	NA	Nursing	37 65	35 57	72 62	24	Transfer from Hawaii
29	F	DF (2)	L.A.	1962	No	SS'62	68	2.93	No	S'65	12	3.58	Art	47 88	23 19	70 57	22	
30	F	DI	Oregon	1948	No	S'52	52	3.62	No	S'65	6	4.00	Psychology	-	-	-	36	Attended LACC 1952-53
31	M	CL,E	Japan	1958	Yes	SS'61	84	3.32	No	S'64	14	3.29	Eng'r.	-	-	-	28	

* See code next page

N. A. - not available

** raw scores in purple, national college freshmen percentiles in red

CODE FOR UCLA HONORS:

P:	Elected to Phi Beta Kappa
DF:	Dean's Honor List, College of Fine Arts (requires 3.5 grade point average or better in 12 or more units)
DL:	Dean's Honor List, College of Letters and Science (reqires at least 12 units of A and not more than 3 of B)
DN:	Dean's Honor List, School of Nursing (requires a 3.5 grade point average or higher in 12 or more units)
T:	Elected to Tau Beta Pi (Honorary fraternity whose membership is open to students in Engineering)
MCL,E:	Graduated Magna Cum Laude in College of Engineering (requires 3.6 grade point average or higher)
CL,E:	Graduated Cum Laude in College of Engineering (requires 3.2 grade point average or higher)
WW:	Received Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship (for first year graduate work leading to a career in college teaching)
WE:	Received from the Western Electronic Education Fund, Engineering Scholarship